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NEW BLOWS BY HUNS MIRBACH'S DEATH IN FRANCE AND ITALY MAY SAVE RUSSIA ABOUT TO BE STRUCK Assassination of Kaiser's En-

Headquarters to Hasten

Blow on Trentino.

IN THE FORM OF TROOPS

Vienna Admits Retirement From

Piave Delta "to Avoid Heavy

Sacrifices."

PARIS (Havas Agency), July 8 .- A

new offensive is impending on the

Trentino front. Gen. Ludendorff, says

a dispatch to the Matin from reliable

scurces in Switzerland, personally has

visited the Austrian headquarters there

and has hastened preparations for

German Troops to Aid.

PARIS, July 7, Havas Ageny .-

Germany will send three army corps

Rome dispatch to the Temps. These

Gen. Otto von Below, the commander-

The Trentino railways have been

front to support the Austrian tro

Italians Advance Lines.

Bearing of Troops Splendid.

Germans Have Thirty to Ludendorff Visits Austrian **Forty Divisions Ready for** Western Offensive.

GERMANY IS TO SEND AID **ALLIES HAVE THE BETTER** OF PRELIMINARY FIGHTING

Australians Make Another Successful Forward Plunge, Gaining Valuable Ground.

By the Associated Press. WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, July 8.—Although the entire front continues in a state of tension in expectation of a renewal of the German drive, the enemy effort has not yet developed. Comparative quiet prevailed in all the American sectors

last night and this morning. another blow against the Italians. Con-There has been an increase, how siderable reinforcements, it is added ever, in the aerial activity, chiefly in are being concentrated at Innshruck the patrolling and scouting branches. and Trent.

Lull Not to Continue.

the Germans will break it by hurling their masses against the allied line to be assigned to the Alps sector, it is

Correspondents at the front while reporting that a new German blow is impending, obviously are unable to

ROME, July 8.—Italian troops yesterday advanced their front line in the region of Col la Prible, the Italian war office announced today. In the Monte Grappa region the Italians gained further ground northward of Massik on Saturday. Eight enemy airplanes were destroyed yesterday in air battles.

The announcement reads:
"In the Lagranda valley and the Vallarsa there was more of the harrassing artillery firing yesterday. To the north of Moste Di Val Bella our patrols, after 2 brisk struggle, droye Added to this is the fact that the Germans have not been very active for more than a week and their counter attacks have not been carried out

Australians Gain Ground. Again the Australians have made a

Somme sector northeast of Amiens out their brilliant operation of last week. The latest drive by the rangy week. The latest drive by the rangy men from the antipodes, launched last night, resulted in what is described by the British official statement as a slight advance. The aggregate of the ground gained recently in this area has been considerable, however, and the new progress made has apparently effected a considerable improvement in the British position along a front of well toward two miles on both sides of the River Somme.

While the British are thus fortify—
While the British described in what is described in the southern end of the Piave line, and the southern end of the Piave in the strengther ergoin between the new and the old river beds which the Austrians were compelled to evacuate, today's war office statement shows. The statement highly praises the valor of the troops which won the pronounced success that has been considerable improvement shows. The statement highly praises the valor of the troops which won the pronounced success that has been considerable improvement shows. The statement highly praises the new places in the extensive region between the success that has been considerable improvement shows. The statement highly praises the new places in the southern end of the Piave in the southern end of

While the British are thus fortify- right bank of the new Plave, and ing themselves against the expected driven the enemy to the other side of renewal of the German offensive in one of the sectors where it is considered quite likely to be launched, the French are finding themselves somewhat actively engaged in an artillery duel on the westerly side of the Marne salient.

Had Help of Americans.

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With the help of the Americans, northwest of Chateau Thierry the allied line as a whole on this front has been straightened and improved in anticipation of another enemy offensive. The French are replying spiritedly to the German bombardment, which is marked in the sector defending the Villers-Cotterets forest. This extended wooded area offers one of the most important obstacles to a renewed German advance should it be aftempted in this region.

Other artillery actions are reported southward along the front to the Marne, but these seem not to have affected the American sector notably, as the news dispatches from the American front report a commarxity way unter the first property of the success with its very bearing of the success with its very contributed with unusual daring in and those of the Italian royal navy cupy so the property of the American sector notably, as the news dispatches from the American front report a commarxity way unterport the first property of the success with its very the fir

fected the American sector notably, as the news dispatches from the American front report a comparatively quiet night and similar easy conditions this morning.

There is tension all along the front, however, in expectation of the Germans breaking loose at any moment with their new drive and the airscouts on the American side are increasingly busy in efforts to spot important enemy movements.

Secondary of the American sector notably, as the same is due the 33d Sapper Battalion of Engineers.

On the Asiago plateau a French party carried out a brilliant raid into the enemy lines at Zocchi, overcoming capturing two officers, sixty-four of capturing two officers, sixty-four of capturing two officers, sixty-four of the ranks and two machine guns.

"Between the Frenzela valley and the Brenta the enemy three times attempted to attack our position on the Corone. He was sanguinarily repulsed."

Pershing's Men Are Ready to Meet German Offensive. Now Believed to Be Near

Resting on Their Arms.

voy Viewed as Possible Turning Point.

PUTS BOLSHEVIKI IN PERIL

LONDON, July 8.—As soon as Emperor William heard of the asation of Count von Mir-Telegraph dispatch from Amster-dam, he ordered Foreign Secretary on Kuchlmann to break off nego-

A strong goard has be before the house of the boishe-vik ambassador in Berlin, as it is leared the populace of the capita will inaugurate anti-Russian dem-

clare the murder of Count von Mirback must inevitably have a

of Count von Mirbach, the German aming results.

The Daily Mail and Daily Expres agree that the assassination may have it to the murder of Archduke Francis

The Express adds:
"German influence (in Russia) can
only be established on a solid basis by cupation. Russia may once more play

Sees Peril to Bolsheviki.

The Daily Chronicle expects that if rman emperor has his way there possible a more prudent policy may prevail, especially as Lenine and Tchitcherin will accept almost any demands for reparation, however abject. It thinks, nevertheless, that such a surrender might precipitate the fail of the bolshevik government.

The whole quarter in Moscow where the German embassy is situated was immediately surrounded by troops after the assissination of Count von Mirbach, according to a Russian government measure received here by wireless. Severy

Awakening of Russ Vengeance.

PARIS, July 7.—Havas Agency.—
In their comments on the assasination of Count von Mirbach the Paris newspapers are unanimous in expressing the opinion that the event will be likely to cause complications, the importance of which cannot be gauged.

"The first awakening of the vengeance of Russia against German tyransy," is the light in which La Journal views it, while the Petit Journal wonders if it will not open a new phase of Germany's difficulties in the east.

"In the state of tension existing between Russian and Germany," says

cations"

Humanite considers the act "not a vulgar assassination, but an act of open rebellion by exasperated patriotism."

triotism."

The assessination, as the Matin views it, "shows that there are still in Russia men concerned with the dignity of their country and imbued with patriotism," and the Petit Farisian comments that it "probably

As soon as the news of the assault



YANKEES TAKEN BY GERMANS: COMRADES TAKE THEM BACK

One of Incidents Showing Spirit With Which American Boys Are Fighting on the British Front.

By the Associated Press.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN
FRANCE, July 7.—In the German
counter attack against the new positions great show. From the men and officers he heard the details of this first great fight of the Yankees on the

with the five Australians and the corporal and his party also captured a boche officer. In the meantime twelve Australians had circled around and joined the American party, with the result that fifty German prisoners were brought back.

"That night a boche sniper caused a lot of trouble from a nest in the front line and one of my men went out across no man's land alone after him. The Yankee got him and left him dead on the field."

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REVIEWS THE HOUSE TOWN

Story of Curious Gerporal.

An Australian officer was talling the bolshevikt, and the

FOR DRY NATION AFTER JANUARY

tee Reaches Agreement on Prohibition Legislation.

distilled liquors, wine and beer after January 1, 1919, and to prohibit the anufacture of wine and beer after November 1 next was agreed upon today by the Senate agricultural com-

Then came the barrage and we never dreamed there could be such gunfire. It was fremendous. The gunssary to hasten the recall.

When the House reassembled at 8:30 Saturday night it was evident at once that there had been a great change in sentiment about the recess. It was said today that many members were influenced by the President's letter to Senator Martin, given to the press Saturday morning, announcing his desire for the enactment of the telesgraph and telephone control bill. Members, it is said, were afraid to go home to meet their constituents query as to why they had left their post when the President wanted them to stay here. The verbal assurances of the President to Leader Kitchin and Senator Martin Saturday evening, they feared, might prove difficult of explanation to their constituents.

Republicans upon hearing that many democrats proposed to vote against the recess resolution apprehended that if they should vote for it and it should pass by a slight majority, as it passed that there had been a great change in the recess resolution apprehended that if they should vote for it and it should pass by a slight majority, as it passed the Senate, the republicans might be held responsible if anything should go wrong during the recess.

fficers of the company to renew a working agreement containing requests for concessions. The attention of federal authorities has been called

Chairman of Aircraft Production Says Thousands Are

Being Built.

CRITICS ARE ANSWERED

RYAN INDORSES

BY DAVID LAWRENCE. Copyright, 1918, by the New York Evenin Post Company.

Very little has been heard lately bout the status of our aircraft pro gram-very little, indeed, since charges lew thick and fast, since the liberty notor was pronounced a failure ...nd whole year's work of preparation as spoken of by the critics as "criminal delay."

So it is important, indeed, to have an official statement—the first that has been made by John D. Ryan, chairman of the sircraft production who was appointed by President Wilon to take over the management of

Mr. Ryan has modestly kept himself in the background for three months, refusing to express any opinions pubsors or the plans of his own organiza ion. He made a thorough study, owever, of the happenings prior to his own appointment, and satisfied himself as to the truth or falsity of

Statement Guide to Public,

What Mr. Ryan says, when he peaks thus for the first time, is in a speaks thus for the first time, is in a sense judicial, and on his statements the country can base its judgment also of the status of the program today and the outlook for the future. The head of the aircraft production board chose as the occasion for his optimism the launching of the huge Handley-Page bombing machine designed by the British, but built at Elizabeth, N. J., and driven with two liberty motors of more than 400 horsepower, Said Mr. Ryan:

Indorses Liberty Motor.

"I am glad to say that thousands just like this one—(the Handley-Page) one of the most powerful ever built—are under construction, all to be driven by the liberty motor, the best and most powerful aeronautical engine ever built."

That means a great deal. There were these who said Mr. Buyen was absented.

Speaks With Knowledge.

can speak with knowledge on subject, because I have for two Members of the House were discussing with one another today the causes for the precipitate abandonment Saturday night of the proposed thirtyday recess of Congress. The fluke in the plans for a holiday was a surprise to all and a disappointment to many

"Much work has been done by my tives had their transportation in their predecessors, and I am taking this opportunity to assure the people of the country that, in my opinion, there has been no such delay with the work or anything like such incapacity of those in charge as has been indicated in some of the criticism of the accomplishments or lack of them in produc-

Thus does Mr. Ryan clear the air

wrong during the recess.

300 STRIKE IN PLANT OF
LOCOMOTIVE COMPANY

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., July 8.—Approximately 300 organized blacksmiths and helpers employed in the local plant of the American Locomotive Company struck today for higher wages and a basic eight-hour day, following the alleged refusal of the officers of the company to renew a Tankad by Pritans

Tankad by Pritans

of federal authorities has been called to the situation and a conciliator is expected here tomorrow.

The strike has not tied up the local plant, which is said to be engaged on recent large orders placed by the federal railroad administration.

International Vice-President Phillips of the blackamiths union, on whose authority it is understood the strike was called, announced today that the blackamiths were out in the company's plants at Dunkirk, Paterson, Richmond and Pittsburgh, Pa.

Minneapolis Hews Strike Ends.

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Minneapolis Tuesday, was settled last night when representatives of the publishers and strikers came to an agreement on the wholesale price to he charged for papers.

KEYMEN PUT FAITH LIBERTY MOTOR IN GOVERNMENT AID

Remain at Keys to Avoid Embarrassing U.S. in War Situation.

NEW ORLEANS MEN 'FIRED'

was advised that about 150 telegraphers in Atlanta, Savannah and other southern cities had gone out on strike. CHICAGO, July 8.—The strike of tele-

graphers employed by the Western Union Telegraph Company, set for 6 oclock this morning, did not take place, the order for a strike having been rethe Commercial Telegraphers' Union, ence with Secretary of Labor Wilson in Washingtton. Secretary Wilson asked the head of the telegraphers union "not to allow interference with the transquence in the prosecution of the war, and Mr. Konenkamp announced that the strike had been indefinitely postponed not take place for the present," said

"It is deferred, and I hope will never

be called. We believe we shall obtain justice through the agency of the government and in this belief, not wisning to embarrass the government in the war, we are willing to wait a reasonable time for an adjustment."

The strike call was issued after the Western Union declined to accept decisions of the National War Labor Board of complaints of employes of the company that they had been discharged because of their amiliation with the union.

Reports received by S. J. Konen-kamp, president of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union, today indicat-ed that lockouts and strikes resulted the beance of approximately 242 in the absence of approximately 24 men from their keys. His report

men from their aves. In telesta-were not complete.

President Konenkamp telegraphed
Secretary of Labor Wilson, calling at-tention to the recent purported state-ment of President Cariton of the
Western Union that if there were
the slightest danger of obstruction of
communications he would not hesi-

communications he would not hesitate to grant the men the right to organize.

From Atlanta, Ga., came word that 150 men were out at Savannah, Augusta and Jacksonville many telegraphers were reported locked out and others striking. Twenty were reported out at Oktanoma City, and it was rumored that ten had been locked out at Cincinnati. There was no trouble at Chicago.

NEW YORK, July 8.—President Newcomb Carlton of the Western Union gave out the following state-

Oppose Mr Burleson.

Another resolution was adopted in which it was recommended that the railroad administration instead of the Post Office Department be in charge of the wires if taken over by the government. Speakers opposed control of the wires by Postmaster General Burleson, stating that they preferred Director General McAdoo.

The name of Representative David J. Lewis of Maryland, for years champion of government ownership of

Union Men Fired in New Orleans. NEW ORLEANS, July 8.-Members

Thus does Mr. Ryan clear the air and inspire the airplane industry with confidence, for it is an open secret that many manufacturers who had been working night and day in the slow and necessarily tedious process of preparation were discouraged by the extremities of criticism voiced against them and the insinuations of gross incompetency. Mr. Ryan makes it plain that he for one doesn't think the people who have been working hard to introduce into America an industry of which we knew practically nothing at the outbreak of our war with Germany fell down on their job. For he says: of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America, who reported for with Germany fell down on their job. For he says:

Two Months' Record.

"In the fifteen months we have been at war there has been designed and put into production the liberty engine, which is acknowledged by all of the allies as a great performance and a distinct contribution to the cause. As a powerul machine to drive heavy aircraft, it is undoubtedly as satisfactory as any engine produced. "There were produced here in our workshops during the months of May and June just passed as many of

32 Quit at Atlanta.

ATLANTA, Ga., July 8.-Union telegines in the entire year of 1915, at the close of which she had been seventeen months at war. Including other types of aircraft engines, there were more produced in our shops in the more produced in our shops in the month of June than Great Britain produced in the whole year of 1915."

Lauded by Britons.

The representatives in this country of the British air ministry verified the above facts. Sir Joseph Fowler, for instance, declares the liberty engine "one of the finest serenautical engines were built" and predicts that if A. F. Joyner, chairman of the south-eastern executive committee of the telegraphers' union, was authority for the statement that more than one hun-dred operators had gone out from the local Western Union offices.

KONENKAMP YIELDS TO OFFICIALS APPEAL; **POSTPONES KEY STRIKE**

The nation-wide strike of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of Amerion against the Western Union Tele-(Continued on Fourth Page

Now Believed to Be Near

By the Associated Press.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN
FRANCE, July 7.—Resumption of the
German offensive against some part
of the allied line is believed to be
near. For obvious reasons it is impossible to go into the subject deeply,
but it may be said that other reasons
appear to bear out the statement that
the Germans are again about to attack, besides the fact that the usual
reating periods between attacks will
have been concluded for all the enemy
troops within the near future.

It may be said that there are three
logical points for the enemy's attack
—the Chateau Thierry region, the
line north of Chalons and in the
neighborhood of Abbeville, in the
Fianders sector. An assault north of
Chalons or against Abbeville would
be less costly for him, but in the former he would get less important territory than before Abbeville, where
his loss would be heavier.

From the best information obtainable it appears that the Germans during the coming offensive will have
between thirty and forty divisions
capable of participating in the attack.

Resting on Their Arms.

The American forces are tonight resting on their arms, awaiting the enemy offensive, and if it happens enemy onensive, and if it happens that the enemy starts against the positions held by the Americans, which seems rather likely, the American troops will give a good account of themselves.

While waiting for the coming storm, (Continued on Second Page.)

LONDON, July 2.—Measures for perfecting the national defenses of Japan were decided upon and a pian for cooperation between the army and the havy was adopted by the council of field marshals and admirals recently in Japan, says a dispatch to the Times from Tokio under date of July 1. The army, it is stated, will comprise twenty-one corps, with two divisions to the corps and three regiments to the division. The changes will not necessarily be effective immediately. The Times computes that the new measures will double the gtrength of the Japanese army.

As soon as the news of the assessin nation of Count von Mirbach, German ambassador at Moscow, came to M. Karakhan, called at the German minister, M. Tchitcherin, and his associate, on the same as the news of the assessing mation of Count von Mirbach, German ambassador at Moscow, came to M. Karakhan, called at the German substant, and his associate, small state, and expressed the regret and indignation of the government at the occurrence, says a Berlin dispatch for warded by the Havas corresponding to the assessing has not been established, nor have they been arrested, the message states.

Replaced the council of field marked and support of the properties of the same of the sa

All Eager for Chance.

added, "at some of the prisoners taken. Most of them were strapping fellows, but there were a lot of them, who, while big, were very young. The boche put over some gas at one time, but it was a mighty good experience for our men, as they were equipped with the masks.

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"I got it! I got it!" he yelled with delight.

"Flue francs, kid," laughed an office were was standing by.

"Tain't; it's a dollar, and it's from home," and the boy was off with his treasure.

All the Americans are auxious to

officer who was standing by
"It ain't; it's a dollar, and it's from home." and the boy was off with his treasure.

All the Americans are auxious to get into the fight again and are watching eagerly for the next call.

Last night the correspondent slept on the ground among the troops of (Continued on Ninth Page.)

Senate Agricultural Commit-

Legislation to prohibit the sale of e facts have been told before

a matter of fact. "For us officers there was no sleep during that three hours' wait. There were conferences to be held with the Australians and then, too, the responsibility was weighing heavily on us. We knew that our lads would come through clean, but we could not help being a bit anxious. "We had to admire the cocluses of CONCOCCATAN ire the coolness of CONGRESSMEN UPSET BY

A number of senators and representa pockets and some even had their bag-gage at the depot, so that it was nec-

never dreamed there could be such gunfre. It was fremendons. The gunners certainly did a wonderful job.

The infantry started to advance. My men were headed for Hamel village and our first trouble was encountered in a broad belt of barbed wire in front of the booke forward line of defenses. The tanks had opened wire in front of the booke forward line of defenses. The tanks had opened the way through most of this, but in spots some of our men were held up for a little.

Taske a ffuny thing here. One of my corporals, who had been a guard officer in a penifentiary, and has a reputation for being a hard customer in a fight, got hung up in the wire. He had no cutters, and so sat down on the ground and started pulling the stuff out of his lega barb by barb.

"A booke got a machine sun on him and was making things hot, but the corporal kept on pulling the wire, meantime roaring curses at the Huns." Frame a trick like this on a white man will, you? Let me out of here and I'll show you?

These were some of the things I heard him yell, with a lot more less complimentary. He finely got out, but his uniform looked as if he had been 'un through a threshing machine, awhat he did to the boche after that was a-planty.

"About this time a German shell exploided near us and two of my men went hurtling through the air." I thought, sure the poor follows were done in, but in a minute I heard one of them call over to his pal: Hey, John, are you dead?

From down among the churned-up ground nearby came the response: No! Are you?